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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING COMPOSITE MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 14-16a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2009*):

4 (b) The following vehicles, upon transfer of ownership, shall be
5 presented for inspection, as directed by the commissioner, at any
6 Department of Motor Vehicles office or any official emissions
7 inspection station authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
8 to conduct such inspection: (1) All motor vehicles ten model years old
9 or older which are registered in this state and which were originally
10 used or designed as fire apparatus and which are of historical or
11 special interest as determined by the commissioner, (2) all antique, rare
12 or special interest motor vehicles, and (3) all modified antique motor
13 vehicles. Any such vehicle shall be inspected to determine whether it is
14 in good mechanical condition before registration can be issued to the
15 new owner of such vehicle. The determination of the mechanical
16 condition of a vehicle described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this

17 subsection shall be made by inspecting only the vehicle's original
18 equipment and parts or the functional reproductions of the original
19 equipment and parts. The mechanical condition of modified antique
20 motor vehicles shall be determined by inspecting the original
21 equipment and any functioning replacements of such equipment. The
22 model year designation for the purpose of registration of a modified
23 antique motor vehicle or a composite motor vehicle shall be the model
24 year that the body of such vehicle most closely resembles. If the
25 commissioner authorizes the contractor that operates the system of
26 official emissions inspection stations or other business or firm, except a
27 licensee of the department, to conduct the safety inspections required
28 by this subsection, the commissioner may authorize the contractor or
29 other business or firm to charge a fee, not to exceed fifteen dollars, for
30 each such inspection. The commissioner may authorize any motor
31 vehicle dealer or repairer, licensed in accordance with section 14-52
32 and meeting qualifications established by the commissioner, to make
33 repairs to any motor vehicle that has failed an initial safety inspection
34 and to certify to the commissioner that the motor vehicle is in
35 compliance with the safety and equipment standards for registration.
36 No such authorized dealer or repairer shall charge any additional fee
37 to make such certification to the commissioner.

38 Sec. 2. Section 14-103a of the general statutes is repealed and the
39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2009*):

40 Any motor vehicle that (1) has been reconstructed, (2) is composed
41 or assembled from the several parts of other motor vehicles, (3) the
42 identification and body contours of which are so altered that the
43 vehicle no longer bears the characteristics of any specific make of
44 motor vehicle, or (4) has been declared a total loss by any insurance
45 carrier and subsequently reconstructed, shall be inspected by the
46 commissioner to determine whether the vehicle is properly equipped,
47 in good mechanical condition and in the possession of its lawful
48 owner. The model year designation for the purpose of registration of a
49 composite motor vehicle inspected in accordance with this section

50 shall be the model year that the body of such composite motor vehicle
51 most closely resembles. Such vehicle shall be presented for inspection
52 at any Department of Motor Vehicles office to conduct such inspection.
53 The commissioner may require any person presenting any such
54 reassembled, altered or reconstructed vehicle for inspection to provide
55 proof of lawful purchase of any major component parts not part of the
56 vehicle when first sold by the manufacturer. The fee for such
57 inspection shall be eighty-eight dollars. The inspection fee shall be in
58 addition to regular registration fees. As used in this section,
59 "reconstructed" refers to each motor vehicle materially altered from its
60 original construction by the removal, addition or substitution of
61 essential parts, new or used.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	14-16a(b)
Sec. 2	October 1, 2009	14-103a

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Statement of Purpose:

To allow composite motor vehicles to be registered as the model year that the body of such composite motor vehicle most closely resembles.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]